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Multiple Traffic Pursuits

At 2:19 pm on Thursday, November 5, 2020, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office received information from the Columbus Police Department regarding a theft that occurred in the City of Columbus. A description of the vehicle was given as possibly heading north on US Highway 151. Our Communications Center gave out this information to all Dodge County Law Enforcement Officers to watch for the vehicle.

At 2:24 pm a City of Beaver Dam Police Officer located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop on US 151 near Industrial Drive. The vehicle fled into the City of Beaver Dam and Beaver Dam Police and the Dodge County Sheriff's Office engaged in a pursuit of that vehicle. Due to the speeds of the vehicle the pursuit was terminated. Information was received that the vehicle left the City of Beaver Dam north on State Highway 33.

At about 2:46 pm a City of Fox Lake Police Officer located the vehicle enter Fox Lake and he engaged in a pursuit. The vehicle fled the city on State Highway 68 toward Waupun. Due to the excessive speeds, the Fox Lake officer discontinued his pursuit.

At 2:51 pm the vehicle was again located entering the City of Waupun on State Highway 68 at a high rate of speed. A Dodge County Sheriff's Deputy and a Waupun Police Lieutenant engaged in a pursuit east on Highway 68 and then north on Fox Lake Rd in Waupun. The vehicle attempted to turn east on Jefferson Street but struck a curb disabling the vehicle due to damage. The driver fled on foot and was taken into custody several blocks away by Waupun Police and the sheriff's office. The passenger was taken into custody at the scene without incident.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Justin Carter-Smith, age 32 of Milwaukee, who was arrested for an outstanding federal warrant, eluding an officer, possession of narcotics, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The passenger of the vehicle was released to the custody of the Columbus Police Department as part of their investigation and had no charges brought by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

This incident remains under investigation by multiple law enforcement agencies and there may be additional charges to follow by other agencies. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office would like to thank and commend all law enforcement agencies involved in this incident, including the Columbus Police Department, the Beaver Dam Police Department, the Fox Lake Police Department, and the Waupun Police Department. This was an excellent example of interagency collaboration working together to hold those who commit crimes accountable while keeping the community safe.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

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